

Please amend claims 1, 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25 as follows. Please cancel claims 14, 16, 17 and 18.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates:

(b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;

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(c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

(d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based only on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

(e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the step of:

(f) prompting the subscriber to specify a subject.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected by manually categorizing Web sites into categories.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected by automatically scanning Web sites for words indicating the category to which each Web site relates.

5. (Original) The method of claim 4, wherein each scanned Web site is assigned to at most one category.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein each scanned Web site may be assigned to one or more ~~one~~ categories.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected based on the frequency with which relevant links have been located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the specified subject.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of Web sites is selected based on the frequency with which relevant links have been located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the same category.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the words relating to the specified subject comprise at least one word contained in the specified subject.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the words relating to the specified subject comprise words provided by the subscriber.
11. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising the steps of:
 - (f) compiling a list of words based on the frequency with which such words have appeared in relevant links located in prior iterations of the method with respect to the same category; and
 - (g) prompting the subscriber to select one or more words from the compiled list, wherein the words relating to the specified subject comprise words selected by the subscriber in step (f).
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of relevant Web pages is compiled in step (d) by including only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant to step (b) and to be of a news content type in step (c).
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of relevant Web pages is compiled in step (d) by including only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant in step (b) and not to be advertisements in step (c).
14. (Canceled) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of Web pages provided to the subscriber in step (e) comprises a hyperlink to each Web page in the list.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of Web pages is provided to the subscriber in step (e) by electronic mail ("e-mail").

16. (Canceled) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of Web pages is provided to the subscriber in step (e) over the Web.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of Web pages is provided to the subscriber in step (e) over the Internet.

18. (Canceled) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of Web pages is provided to the subscriber in step (e) over an intranet.

19. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the list of Web pages is provided to the subscriber in step (e) by wireless communication.

20. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the at least one Web page scanned in each site comprises the index page of the Web site.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable medium tangibly embodying instructions which, when executed by a computer, implement a process comprising the steps of:

(a) selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;

(b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning for words relating to the specified subject;

(c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning for words indicating content type;

(d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based only on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

(e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the complied list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

22. (Currently Amended) A system for providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising:

means for selecting a plurality of Web sites operated by content providers and relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;

means for automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning for words relating to the specified subject;

means for automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning for words indicating content type;

means for compiling a list of relevant Web pages based only on the results of the scanning, wherein the list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

means for providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the subscriber is a party other than one of said content providers, wherein the means for providing transmits the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

23. (Currently Amended) A system for providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising:

a processor;

a memory connected to said processor;

a display in communication with said processor; and

an input device in communication with said processor,

wherein said processor selects a plurality of Web sites relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;

wherein said processor determines the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning for words relating to the specified subject;

wherein said processor determines the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning for words indicating content type;

wherein said processor compiles a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of the scanning, wherein the list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

wherein said processor transmits the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

24. (Currently Amended) A method of providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising the steps of:

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- (a) selecting a plurality of Web sites relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;
 - (b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;
 - (c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;
 - (d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the list of relevant Web pages includes only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant in step (b) and to be of a news content type in step (c), wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and
 - (e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.

25. (Currently Amended) A method of providing news relating to a specified subject to a subscriber, comprising the steps of:

- (a) selecting a plurality of web sites relating to a category to which the specified subject relates;
- (b) automatically determining the relevancy of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words relating to the specified subject;
- (c) automatically determining the content type of at least one Web page in each selected Web site by scanning at least one Web page for words indicating content type;

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(d) compiling a list of relevant Web pages based on the results of steps (b) and (c), wherein the list of relevant Web pages includes only those Web pages that are determined both to be relevant in step (b) and not to be advertisements in step (c), wherein the compiled list includes hyperlinks to the relevant Web pages; and

(e) providing the compiled list to the subscriber, wherein the providing comprises transmitting the compiled list from a Web server to the subscriber over the Internet.
